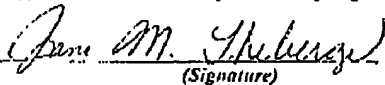


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on June 16, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions under 35 USC § 121, the Applicants submit the following election for further prosecution on the merits:

**Election:**

The Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-25 and 51-53, with traverse, directed to a method for facilitating supply chain collaboration, classified in class 705, subclass 10.